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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. [REDACTED] Special Assistant to the
Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT : Proposed Design Review Board Procedure

REFERENCE : DD/S&T 3146-66 dtd 14 Jun 1966

1. My general reaction to the draft is that it would impose a uniform Directorate procedure on what is essentially an internal Office problem--analogous to O/DD/S&T telling the Offices how to maintain their internal files. It would seem better to provide basic advice and guidance to the Offices in good ways to perform project review, and to stop there, since each Office has its own peculiar goals. (OCS, for example, doesn't seem to fit the language used in the draft, but we do have a need for something like this.)

2. The flexibility promised through implementation doesn't seem to come through. The procedure seems cumbersome; perhaps this stems largely from the degree of detail included.

3. Finally, there is a heavy inference of hardware review only. I doubt that restriction to this category was your intent, but I think clarification is required. I suggest that the whole subject be kicked around a bit at Staff meeting.

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Director of Computer Services

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